

# THE ALBANY-DECATUR DAILY

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS AND UPBUILDING OF ALBANY, ALABAMA AND DECATUR, ALABAMA

VOL. 5; NO. 264.

ALBANY, ALABAMA, (NEW DECATUR, ALA., POSTOFFICE.) FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1917.

WEATHER  
Western Union Tel Co  
Fair and colder  
tonight and Saturday.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

## ATTACK MRS. TAFT; THREE BLACKS SHOT AND FIVE WOUNDED BY POSSE FIRING

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT ON WHITE  
WOMAN STARTS NEAR RACE  
RIOT AT GREELY.

## THE ASSAILANT ESCAPES

ARMED MEN GO IN QUEST OF HIM  
AND SEVERAL NEGROES ARE  
SHOT TO DEATH.

(International News Service.)

Birmingham, Jan. 5.—Three negroes have been shot and killed and five are said to have been wounded as a result of an attempted criminal assault on Mrs. William Taft, who resides near Greely, according to news received here this afternoon.

According to the report here, a negro entered the back door of Mrs. Taft's residence and attacked her. She screamed and rushed from the house. Her father, who resides nearby, and others, came to her aid. The negro ran out of the house and escaped. Reports reaching here say the negro was captured at Ripley, but escaped from the posse. A number of shots were fired, but failed to stop him. Several posses have been organized and a search has been started.

A negro believed to have been the man wanted was located near Woodstock. He attempted to resist and was shot to death. Another posse attempted to arrest a negro near Tanhill and following resistance, shot and killed him. It is reported a third negro was shot and killed near Chamblee, by another posse. The report that five other negroes had been killed following the crime was received here, but no details were obtainable. Excitement still is intense and further trouble is feared.

## Reports to Be Heard By Railroad Chiefs

(International News Service.)

Chicago, Jan. 5.—A meeting of 640 grievance chairmen of the railroad employees of the country announced in Kansas City today as having been called for Jan. 11 at Chicago, is merely for the purpose of hearing the reports of the four executive heads of the brotherhoods, it was announced here today.

## 11 DEAD IN PATH OF GREAT STORM

TORNADO SWEEPS LARGE SECTION OF OKLAHOMA, DEALING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

(International News Service.)

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 5.—With a list of known dead standing at 11, all school children, fears were entertained today that the number of victims would be increased when communication is restored with the region devastated by yesterday's tornado.

Rescuers in automobiles, who started from various points to the afflicted district, have not returned with authentic news of the damage. The tornado, one of the most disastrous in the history of Oklahoma, swept clean everything in a four-mile path.

Four more deaths today brought the number of victims in the tornado to fifteen. Eight persons were seriously injured.

## FIGHTING DEVELOPING AGAIN WITH VILLISTAS.

(International News Service.)

El Paso, Jan. 5.—Fighting between Villista and Carranza forces was continued south of Chihuahua City today and many more wounded Carranza soldiers were brought into the Carranza stronghold.

Military and federal agents here have reports that the battle is favoring the Villistas.

Despite denials issued by Hippolyte Villa, Gen. Bell today reiterated his statement that Villa leaders are holding a conference at San Antonio to plan a civil government in northern Mexico.

## OFFICIALS' NAMES ARE MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH PEACE NOTE LEAK

REP. WOOD TELLS OF REPORTED  
CONFERENCE BETWEEN  
TUMULTY AND BROKER.

## WITNESS IS A SENSATION

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY IS DEMANDED BEFORE THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE TODAY.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 5.—The promised names of those "high in official life" and "relatives of those high in official life," were brought startlingly into limelight today when Representative Wood of Indiana, demanded a congressional investigation of the alleged "leaks" on the Wilson peace note and repeated to the house rules committee reports that have reached him.

Though he emphasized the fact that all the information he had was merely hearsay and was used only to impress upon the committee the necessity of an investigation, Representative Wood sprung one sensation after another while a witness before the committee.

The names of Joseph Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson; F. H. Boiling, brother of Mrs. Wilson; Barney Baruch, New York broker, and Otto H. Kahn, of Kuehn, Loeb & Co., New York, were mentioned, one after another, in connection with those Mr. Wood had been informed profited by a "leak" of information.

Mr. Wood said he "heard" Mr. Tumulty had conferred with Barney Baruch in New York at the time when information on the president's note would have been most valuable.

Mr. Tumulty issued a denial of the report as soon as it reached his ears.

The first action of the rules committee was to adopt a resolution calling upon the New York stock exchange and several brokers for a record of all their transactions from Dec. 10 to Dec. 23. Later the committee voted to subpoena as a witness Barney Baruch and A. Curtis, a New York broker, who wrote Mr. Wood regarding reported alleged conferences between Tumulty and Baruch before the Wilson note became public property.

Representative Campbell, of Kansas, member of the committee, suggested that Secretary Lansing and Mr. Tumulty be compelled to appear before the committee. He withdrew this suggestion later but said he would renew it.

## Roll Call Sunday First Presbyterian

Sunday, January 7, will be observed as roll call day at the First Presbyterian church. At the regular morning service the clerk of the session, Dr. W. H. Long, will call the roll of the entire church membership and it is earnestly hoped that each member will be present to answer to his name. The calling of the roll will be followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper. This is the first service of the New Year, and we trust that all our members will avail themselves of this opportunity to make a good beginning.

W. N. Sholl, pastor.

## Transport is Sunk: 153 Lives Are Lost

(International News Service.)

London, Jan. 5.—The destruction of the transport *Ivernia* in the Mediterranean sea on January 1 with the loss of 153 lives, was officially reported by the admiralty. The liner was sunk near the sea lane that leads to the great British naval base of the *Admiralty* and the admiralty calls a cordon to the daring with *Lookout* submarine.

According to City Clerk Collier, who has been connected with Decatur in an official way many years, December was the most lucrative in years.

## CENTRAL FORCES PRESSING FORWARD THREATEN TO SEVER MAIN LINE ROAD

ONLY FIVE MILES NOW FROM  
RAILWAY LEADING TO  
FOKSHANI.

## CITY WOULD BE SURROUNDED

GERMANS REACH SERETH RIVER,  
CHIEF DEFENSIVE POINT OF  
RUSS IN MACEDONIA.

(International News Service.)

The world today began to witness what may be Russia's final effort to save what little of Roumania that remains unconquered and at the same time protect Russia's 1,000-mile battle line. From the Baltic to Dvinsk, the Russians have begun an offensive movement in what is probably an attempt to prevent the Germans from concluding their smashing campaign in the Carpathians and Roumania.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—German and Austro-Hungarian troops have pushed forward to a point only five miles from the railroad that runs northward of Fokshani and are on the point of cutting this important line of communication.

The Teutonic allies have reached Dobroshki, which is but seven miles west of the railway line that runs from Ploeshki through Duzeurimnik and Moldavia.

If the Germans cut the main line, Fokshani would be surrounded on three sides and its evacuation by the Russian defenders would be made imperative. The Germans have reached the Sereth river, the chief defensive line of the Russians in Moldavia.

## ALLIED TRENCHES ARE PIERCED BY GERMANS.

(International News Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Four lines of allied trenches east of Looch were penetrated by a detachment of German troops today. All are long overdue at their destinations. Whether they have been sunk by submarines or captured by German commerce raiders, known to be operating in the Atlantic, is a matter of conjecture. Their fate, as those of their crews, probably will remain unsettled until after the final account.

## RUSSIANS OPEN ANOTHER OFFENSIVE; BATTLE DEVELOPS

(International News Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Russian troops have launched an offensive along the northern end of the western front, and a big battle has developed. Northwest of Dvinsk the Russians delivered four assaults, but all were repulsed, the war office announced.

After destroying offensive works the Germans retired with 51 prisoners. Bad weather hinders artillery activity on the western front.

## RUSSIANS OPEN ANOTHER OFFENSIVE; BATTLE DEVELOPS

(International News Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The Russo-Roumanian bridge head position of Braila has been pierced by the German allies, the war office reported today.

The Roumanian town of Slobozia in Wallachia, which has been holding out for weeks, has been taken by the Teutonic allies after hand to hand fighting.

## FRENCH EXPECT BIG OFFENSIVE BY TEUTONS.

(International News Service.)

Paris, Jan. 5.—French military experts predict that the Germans are preparing to launch a big offensive somewhere on the western front next month. The war critics of both the Temps and Figaro look for a bigger drive. It is generally believed the offensive, if it develops, will be made at some point on the southeastern end of the front.

## More Than Thousand Collected in Fines

More than one thousand dollars in Uncle Sam's coin was collected via the fine route in the Decatur police court last month, according to the report of Chief of Police Carriger, made public today. To be exact—just \$1,014.30 found the way into the municipality's coffers as a result of the police activity and Mayor Nelson's "morning sessions" in December.

According to City Clerk Collier, who has been connected with Decatur in an official way many years, December was the most lucrative in years.

## READY FOR THE WINTER FIGHTING



This typical "pouli," as the French private is known among his countrymen, is shown in full winter equipment. The photograph was made on the Verdun front, where thousands and thousands of this type are battling with the Germans despite the inclement weather.

## WILSON STILL HAS HOPE THAT PEACE IS TO COME SOON

President's Optimism is Based On Actual Information From Berlin and London Official Sources

## ENTENTE REPLY IS NOW BEING AWAITED

Warring Nations May Request U. S. to Guarantee That Peace Terms Will be Respected

(International News Service)

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Wilson still has the highest hopes that peace discussions will result from the steps taken already and about to be taken by the United States.

It was made very clear today by officials in the confidence of the executive that this attitude is based on actual information from Berlin and London and is not merely the expression of hope of success.

The administration is withholding its next step toward securing a discussion of peace until the reply of the entente is received. It is expected at any moment.

Another element was injected into the situation today when it was hinted that one or possibly both of the warring leagues of nations, as negotiations proceed, will call upon the United States to guarantee that the peace terms will be carried out by the nations of Europe. It is too early to state what action the government would take toward this angle of the situation.

## IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

### RELATING TO PEACE.

(International News Service.)

London, Jan. 5.—Developments of the utmost importance, all bearing upon the peace situation, are taking place in the central empires.

Briefly they are:

1. Emperor Charles of Austria has sent a special embassy to Rome requesting the Pope to take steps for peace, according to news received in London today from a Swiss source.

2. The German emperor has sent Prince Adalbert on a secret mission to Sofia and Constantinople, says an Exchange dispatch from Amsterdam. It is believed that the visit is in connection with peace. The prince is expected back within the next week.

3. The presidents of the parliaments of the central powers have been summoned to Berlin for an important conference.

4. Dutch newspapers report that the rulers of the central powers are to meet in Vienna.

5. A plenary session of the Reichstag is to be held in Berlin in the middle of this month, if present plans are carried out.

It is understood that the allies' reply to President Wilson's note will go forward at once and it is reported on what seems to be high authority that Germany may send a second note to the United States. Some persons go so far as to predict that the whole world will know the peace terms of both sides before another week shall have elapsed. Despite the obstacles that seem to block the peace issues, there is a growing trend of opinion that the way will be made much smoother in a short time.

## WILSON'S PEACE ATTITUDE POSSIBLY IS RADICAL.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 5.—Developments of the peace situation in Washington today pointed strongly toward President Wilson adopting a more radical attitude than has been forecasted.

Administration officials close to the president indicated their belief today that the attitude of the administration will be changed gradually to the position of demanding the ending of hostilities on the grounds that the United States and other neutral countries have as deep an interest in the struggle as the nations at war. Congressional administration leaders are known to support this view.

## ERNEST THOMPSON RECOVERS FROM A RECENT INJURY.

Ernest Thompson, 11-year-old son

of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson, of West Albany, is recovering from a recent injury sustained at Fayetteville, Tenn., while there with his mother on a visit to the home of relatives. The lad fell and broke his arm for the second time within a few months. The injury did not prove serious, and the boy has returned to school.

## ALLIED PEACE TERMS INDICATED BY FORECAST

(International News Service.)

London, Jan. 5.—It was reported today that the concrete terms of the allies would embrace the following demands:

Restoration of Belgium with indemnity; restoration of occupied portions of France with indemnity; restoration of Poland, Serbia and Montenegro; establishment of a protectorate over Armenia by Russia; Constantinople and the Dardanelles to Russia.

## NEW SECRETARY TO ARRIVE SATURDAY

W. W. Archibald of Chattanooga, newly appointed secretary of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, will reach here Saturday morning.

He advised W. R. Hall, president of the Chamber, to that effect this morning. Mr. Archibald will leave Chattanooga tonight, he wrote.

Members of the civic organization today were enthusiastic over the coming of the new secretary.

## SENATE FIGHT NOW IS A PARTY ISSUE

THE HITCHCOCK RESOLUTION IS SOLIDLY BACKED BY ALL OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 5.—The fight in the senate over the Hitchcock resolution endorsing President Wilson's peace note revolted itself today into a clear-cut party issue, with republicans solidly opposing the measure and democrats as a unit supporting it.

Senator Lodge's warning to the senate not to commit itself to a blanket endorsement of the president's note without official information of the purposes behind it was the signal for the republican senators to unite in opposition to the resolution. If administration leaders remain firm in their determination to force the resolution to a vote it will be adopted by a safe margin.

There seemed little prospect that the resolution would reach a vote today.

Mr. Tumulty and Mr. Boiling, when informed of Senator Wood's statement, both issued a denial immediately.

## Wet Weather Saves Losses From Fires

The present wet season probably is saving Albany-Decatur hundreds of dollars in losses from fires. December and January generally are the months in which the heaviest fire losses occur, but this year they have been few and far

## THE ALBANY-DECATOR DAILY

Published Every Afternoon Except Sunday in Albany, Ala. (New Decatur, Ala. Postoffice) by the TENNESSEE VALLEY PRINTING COMPANY, Inc.

Entered as second-class matter February 26, 1912, at the postoffice at New Decatur, Ala., under Act of March 3, 1873.

W. R. SHELTON, Manager  
H. D. HARKREADER, Editor  
BEN BLOODWORTH, Associate Editor  
MEMBER TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Subscription Rates:  
By carrier, per one week..... \$1.00  
By carrier, one month..... 45  
By mail, one month..... 40  
By mail, three months..... \$1.00  
By mail, six months..... \$1.75  
By mail, one year..... \$3.00

## MUSCLE SHOALS EFFECT

## ALREADY FELT.

How will the location of the government nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals benefit Albany and Decatur?

This is a question that is often propounded. It is one suggested by the intervening distance from the Shoals to the Twin Cities. It is the utterance of the careless conversationalist or the chronic knocker.

To attempt to set out fully the vast benefits that will be derived locally from the development of this great water power would require the vision of a prophet and the imagination of a Munchausen. In other words, only unusual capacity for peeping into the future and reading its secrets by a crafty deduction similar to that of the founders of New York or Chicago would entitle any human being to the right to say just what may be expected.

The actual construction of the plant, at an expenditure of many millions of dollars, would place large sums in circulation throughout the Tennessee Valley, and a part of this would be expended here. The marts of trade would feel the effect. This however, would be a minor consideration. The bigger benefits would come from the generation of cheap electrical power, the influx of capital for manufacturing purposes, and the enhanced productiveness of the soil due to the use of cheaper fertilizers.

Standing at the gateway of the state, nourished and fed by two trunk line railroads and the Tennessee river, Albany and Decatur are the logical sites for the future capital of North Alabama. Factories will come with the development of electric power, for manufacturers will be quick to see the strategical value of the location. Raw material, unbound natural resources, current with which to drive the wheels, unexcelled transportation facilities, these will work together in harmony for the development of the Queen Cities. Bound together they have the strength of the old man's fagots.

With the announcement yesterday from Birmingham that the Alabama Water Company, successor to the Decatur Water Supply Company, would have headquarters at Albany and would begin development when the Muscle Shoals question is settled by the first marked augury of future expansion.

Industries will nestle to the Shoals. The possibilities of the future are unlimited.

## MARSH HENRY ON OLD AGE.

The peculiar and delightful literary style that has enlightened the editorial page of the Louisville Courier-Journal for the past half century is still the magnet that draws thousands of critical eyes to its columns each morning. Each day there is evidence enough to prove that if the pen fingers of Marsh Henry Watterson have lost any of their cunning, it has escaped the attention of most of his readers.

"The Brave Old Days," written in the best style of the old literary master, is the latest editorial from the venerable editor's pen that has attracted attention. "Those were brave times—when we were twenty-one"—no heirs and no poor kin, a dollar in hand a Principality, and devil take the hindmost!" comments Marsh Henry in a reminiscent letter in the Cincinnati Times-Star by Senator Foraker of Ohio. Cicero's essay "De Senectute," a dissertation on age and particularly old age, could not be more delightful than the remainder of the editorial.

"Genuine success in life," remarks Mr. Watterson, after commenting on the fleeting joys of wealth and position, "is happiness. And he is the happy man, the successful man, who makes it his rule whenever he stumps his toe to thank God that he has not broken his neck."

And here is this gem: "The Buckeye boy of 1864 has weathered his three score and ten and begins to fancy that he is an old man. Perish the thought. No man is old until he is being borne to his grave and then he should sit up in his coffin and laugh at the mourners."

The man with an attitude like that toward old age will be very old in years before he is old in mind and body. He is the kind that age cannot wither or custom stale. Here's a toast to Marsh Henry!

## STATE PRESS VIEWS

## TRIAL BALANCE SHEET OF A DEFEATED CANDIDATE.

A defeated candidate in another state gives the following inventory of his campaign losses:

"Lost four months and twenty-three days canvassing; lost 1,340 hours sleep thinking about the election; lost forty-three acres of corn and a whole sweet potato crop. Lost two front teeth and a lot of hair in a personal encounter with an opponent. Dozened one beef, four pigs and five sheep to country barbecues. Gave away two pairs of suspenders, four calico dresses, five dolls, and seventeen baby rattlers. Kissed 126 babies, kindled fourteen kitchen fires, put up eight stoves, cut fourteen cords of wood, carried 24 buckets of water, gathered seven loads of corn, pulled 476 bundles of fodder, walked 4,046 miles, shook hands 9,089 times, told 11,216 lies and talked enough to make in print 1,000 volumes the size of the patent office reports." Attended sixteen revival meetings, was baptized four different times by immersion and twice by some other way; contributed \$50 to foreign missions; made love to nine grass widows; got dog bit thirty-nine times, and then got defeated. Exchange.

**ROADS VERY MUDDY.**

"Some of the dirt roads in Morgan, especially between Albany-Decatur and Hartselle are in fearful condition," said Deputy Sheriff Williams.

"Recently when officers started to a point near Valhermosa to make an arrest, they almost had to get out of their auto and go on foot, so deep were the mud holes in some sections. During the summer the dirt roads are all right, but they get mighty bad during the rainy season."

## LIKES HIS NEW LOCATION.

"I like my new location very much," said S. M. Thompson, well known druggist who recently moved into his handsome new store on Second avenue. "I thought I had a good stand at my old store, but of course I like the corner the best. Then, too, it is good to get into a practically all-new place."

## SOME SERVICE.

"I will have to hand it to the Daily's job department," said City Clerk Harry Hartung. "The other night at the council meeting I discovered that I was entirely out of envelopes. I gave the copy for another 500 to one of the Daily men and asked that they be printed as soon as possible. He told me he would be sure and have them ready the next day, but I was really surprised when soon after I came down to the office a boy walked in with the whole lot. That is certainly service."

## WILL MAKE HIS HOME HERE.

"I have moved my family to Decatur and will make this my home now," said James L. Draper, circuit court clerk-elect. Mr. Draper has served several years as office deputy under Sheriff Forman and has many friends here. "I like Albany-Decatur very much and I am sure my family will too. One of my sons will be associated in my office with me."

## A GOOD LAW.

Under the dog-tax laws of Morgan county, put through the last legislature by Representative Walden, all persons bitten by mad dogs are paid out of the dog fund for medical treatment at the Pasteur Institute at Montgomery. This strikes us as a very good law, and there would be no harm in having it apply to every county in the state.—Florence Times.

## TWO REASONS FOR OMISSION

Forgetful Motorist, Fired for Lack of Tail Light, Didn't Happen to Be Lightning Bug.

"You are charged with not having a tail light," said the magistrate to the motorist.

"Guilty, your honor," answered the motorist, briefly. "How much?"

But the judge could not resist the temptation to deliver a short lecture.

"Don't you know," he said, "that it is very dangerous for you to go about at night without a tail light?"

"Certainly."

"Then I hope you won't be guilty of such an offense again."

"So do I, but it is liable to happen."

"So sir, why?"

"Because, in the first place, I'm rather forgetful and in the second place, I don't happen to be a lightning bug."

## Means Nothing to Him.

"That man with whom you were discussing the eight-hour law didn't seem much impressed."

"No, I discovered the reason later."

"What was it?"

"He's a grocery clerk who works from seven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock at night and then hurries home to help his wife look after the baby."

## STILL LIFE.



"A moving picture man was out here trying to take some pictures of life on the farm, but he left kinder discouraged."

"Pictures not a success?"

"Not entirely. He couldn't ketch the hired man in motion."

## The Killer

You can't raise rats and chickens on the same farm. Kill the rats

RAT CORN  
Trade Mark Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.

Deadly to rats and mice but harmless to humans. Rats dry up without odor.

25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Seed, Hardware, Drug and General Stores.

And here is this gem: "The Buckeye boy of 1864 has weathered his three score and ten and begins to fancy that he is an old man. Perish the thought. No man is old until he is being borne to his grave and then he should sit up in his coffin and laugh at the mourners."

The man with an attitude like that toward old age will be very old in years before he is old in mind and body. He is the kind that age cannot wither or custom stale. Here's a toast to Marsh Henry!

## Just In Passing

## ROADS VERY MUDDY.

"Some of the dirt roads in Morgan, especially between Albany-Decatur and Hartselle are in fearful condition," said Deputy Sheriff Williams.

"Recently when officers started to a point near Valhermosa to make an arrest, they almost had to get out of their auto and go on foot, so deep were the mud holes in some sections. During the summer the dirt roads are all right, but they get mighty bad during the rainy season."

## INSURANCE IS VALUABLE.

"Few young men realize what a great asset insurance is to them," said Julian Bibb. "When I was a very young man I took out a policy and my only regret is that I did not make it just twice what I did. Young men, more than any other, would do a wise thing if they insured themselves for every cent possible. In later years they will begin to see how valuable it is to them."

## LONGS FOR THE CHANGE.

"I certainly wish the postal department would take some kind of action toward changing the name of the postoffice here," said Andrew G. Patterson. "The mix-up over Albany and New Decatur is causing much inconvenience to citizens. I am sure that Uncle Sam could do nothing that would please the citizens here more than by eliminating New Decatur from the postal map and placing Albany in its stead. Mail addressed to Albany apparently is going everywhere else in the world before reaching here."

## SOME SERVICE.

"I will have to hand it to the Daily's job department," said City Clerk Harry Hartung. "The other night at the council meeting I discovered that I was entirely out of envelopes. I gave the copy for another 500 to one of the Daily men and asked that they be printed as soon as possible. He told me he would be sure and have them ready the next day, but I was really surprised when soon after I came down to the office a boy walked in with the whole lot. That is certainly service."

## WILL MAKE HIS HOME HERE.

"I have moved my family to Decatur and will make this my home now," said James L. Draper, circuit court clerk-elect. Mr. Draper has served several years as office deputy under Sheriff Forman and has many friends here. "I like Albany-Decatur very much and I am sure my family will too. One of my sons will be associated in my office with me."

**CATS THAT ARE REAL CATS.**

"Talk about your mice-catching cats, we have them round here at the fire department," said Sox Sorber, for many years popular chief of the Albany fire department. "We have two that are real slayers of the rodent family. If one of the felines spies a rat too large for her to handle, she gives a high sign to her running mate and the r. m. jumps on the victim also. Seriously, however, these two cats do work together on this rat-catching business and we firemen have seen them catch one together."

## CANE SYRUP IS THERE.

"There is nothing else to it, ribbon cane syrup from down in Tallapoosa county just cannot be beaten," said Ernest Walker. "I recently received a shipment of several cans from my old home and everybody who has tasted that Tallapoosa brand of ribbon cane was strong for it. Some of them wanted me to order some for them."

## CITIES WIDE AWAKE.

"The two cities of Albany and Decatur, Alabama, are certainly wide awake," said John E. Ellis, of Birmingham. "I was deeply impressed with the business men and the general business atmosphere that exists in this section of North Alabama.

With the development of the natural resources that abound in this county the Twin Cities would be the leading cities in this state in a few years."

## DAILY A REAL PAPER.

"The Albany-Decatur Daily has grown to be a real sure enough paper," said Mrs. Alex Humphrey. "Of course it has always been one of the best that have been edited here, but it is becoming better every day. I believe it is one of the best little papers in Alabama."

## LOST WITHOUT DAILY.

"I am lost without my Daily," said A. H. Garnett over the phone last night. "I always enjoy looking over the paper every afternoon, and since I moved my store I have missed three issues. Please see that I receive the next issue, as I carry it home and my wife takes as much interest in it as I do."

## TO HAVE GOOD FERRY.

"Albany will have the best ferry on the Tennessee river when the one now under construction is completed," said Stanley Green. "We thought that the finishing touches would have been applied by this time, but the clutch was not strong enough and another had to be ordered. The new ferry is modern in every detail and will be in operation as soon as possible."

## WEATHER IS QUEER.

"What do you think about this weather?" inquired E. M. Odum. "This is funny weather for January. I am sure that we can look out for a wind storm or some kind of bad weather, as warm spells like this one are usually forerunners of a fierce wind."

## MOULTON IS SOME TOWN.

"Sure I like Moulton, it's a mighty good town," said Leslie Doss, who has charge of the Ory-Cohen store there, and who has just returned after a visit to his parents here. "The citizenship of Moulton is made up of good people. I like them very much. It's not so large as some cities in Alabama, but everybody appears to find plenty of amusement in out-of-business hours."

## GLAD TO SEE MILLS.

"I am glad to see the small industries opening business here," said R. P. McEntire, as he looked at the

new Webster mill, being completed at the foot of Bank street. "We need all of the industries we can get. We hardly realize how much the small payrolls count in making up the monthly total. All of them are great assets and should be encouraged in every way possible. We should stand ready to welcome them with open arms."

## LOVE'S TEST

at the foot of Bank street. "We need



"Does he love her?"

"Does he love her? Didn't he march with her in the suffragette parade?"

## BUNGALOWS



(Looking over number of architect's designs.) "Ah! that's pretty! What is that?"

"That is a fifteen-hundred-dollar bungalow."

"What will it cost to build?"

"About eight thousand dollars."

## TIME TO DO IT



Bounce—I called that noisy kid over there and he said "youth must have its fun."

Boss—Then fling him.

## ONLY PARTIAL SUPPORT



First Financier—Do you subscribe to the platform of your party this year?

Second Financier—Not as much as the managers wanted.

If you need a clerk, salesman, stenographer or any kind of help, the quickest way is a Daily want ad.

## FOR SALE

Ear Corn  
Shelled Corn  
Oats and Shucks

ANY QUANTITY

Lyle-Taylor Grain Co.

Phone 194 Decatur

16-tf

FLAT FOR RENT—Seven room, newly overhauled,

## ARE YOU GUILTY?

A FARMER carrying an express package from a big mail-order house was accosted by a local dealer:

"Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? I could have saved you the express, and besides you would have been patronizing a home store, which helps pay the taxes and builds up this locality."

The farmer looked at the merchant a moment and then said:

"Why don't you patronize your home paper and advertise? I read it and didn't know that you had the stuff I have here."

MORAL—ADVERTISE

## SAME KIND OF TALK



"Who was that man who was talking so loudly just now?"

"Eh? Don't you know him? Well, well! Couldn't you tell by his tall who he was?"

"No, I couldn't tell whether he was a pugilist or a politician."

## GREAT



"I wish I lived in Greenland."

"What for?"

"With a night of six months ahead of you, it must be great to think that there is 'nothing to do until tomorrow.'"

## VERY



"Has your new novel a happy ending?"

"Very. The judge awards my heroine fifty thousand dollars a year all money in the closing chapter."

## YOUNG BEGINNER



"Little Sister—Say, sis, I was teachin' Johnny Jones how to make love this afternoon. I watched you and your beau last night, and I know just how to do it."

## HORRID THING



"Why is Whiz making those hideous noises?"

"Those are not hideous noises. Whiz is expressing his feelings in Esperanto. He has just missed an easy stroke."

Their Ambition.  
If time is money, they say. Perhaps some young men never get into the scorchers' class. So that money they can burn.

He'd Heard It Before.  
His Wife—Henry, you're fool. Her Husband—That's what my friends told me when I married you.

Quite the Thing.  
I wish to give a friend a timely and striking present."

"Then why not give him a clock?"

Calling Cards—The last word in correct stationery can be obtained from the Daily. Look our line over.

We do any kind of Job Printing and do it quick.

## SOCIETY

Margaret Clinton Shelton :: Phone 386w

## THE OLD YEAR.

(By Josie Wink.)  
We bid good-bye to thee, Old Year,  
But not with sad regret;  
For long the scars of thy sore wounds  
Will be upon us yet.

A record thine of blood and woe,  
Of nations in fierce strife,

The greater ones for world conq'rel,

The weaker ones, for life.

Thou hast kept arms in men's gripped hands,

The tears in women's eyes,

The dread in little children's hearts,

Death rattles in their cries;

Lands hast thou swept of homes and crops,

Where toll contented reigned,

Thou hast brought flame to scorch and kill,

With blood the soil hast stained.

Across the seas thy direful work

Hast planted seeds of hate

In fearful deeds and wrath to come

To live and germinate.

O fearful year, O fatal year!

Pass from our shuddering sight!

God grant the year which waits its birth

May bless where thou didst blight.

## MR. AND MRS. CLYDE HENDRIX ENTERTAIN AT HOTEL LYONS.

For Mrs. R. E. Oliver, the guest of Mrs. J. T. Jones, and Mrs. J. A. Cullom, the guest of Mrs. W. N. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hendrix entertained with a dinner party at the Hotel Lyons Thursday evening. The table decorations were white and crimson carnations at either end of the table. Cards were placed for Mrs. Jno. A. Thomason, Mrs. Geo. Williamson, Mrs. Ned Polhill, Mrs. R. E. Roper, Mrs. J. T. Jones, Mrs. A. J. Harris, Mrs. R. E. Oliver, Mrs. Foster H. Pointer, Mrs. W. N. Hall, Mrs. Clyde Hendrix. The hostess, Mrs. Hendrix, was attractively gowned in green satin, interspersed with bronze satin; Mrs. R. E. Oliver wore gray chiffon, the developments were of silver lace and embroidery; Mrs. J. A. Cullom was gowned in beautiful green satin that showed a front and vest of metal lace. To each honoree was presented a corsage of carnations. The party attended the shadow drama later.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH.

The Auxiliary of the Missionary Society is composed of young women who met with Mrs. Brentz Preut on Thursday afternoon. The meeting opened with a short devotional on "Personal Responsibilities."

Topic, "From California to Florida"—Miss Naida Vohlers.

Address, "Girlhood of Japan"—Miss Edith Goodman.

An election of officers was held with the following result:

President—Miss Imogene Winton.

First Vice President—Mrs. H. Motes.

Second Vice-President—Miss Cleo Lovin.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Julia Morris.

Recording Secretary—Miss Edith Goodman.

Treasurer—Miss Helen Higdon.

Supt. Publicity—Miss Gladys Kerr.

Supt. Social Service—Miss Naida Vohlers.

Supt. Supplies—Mrs. E. Brannum.

Reporter—Miss Birdie Mae Mangrum.

At the close refreshments were served.

## ENTERTAINS AT ROOK.

Mrs. Coppage entertained at rook last evening at her home on Church street, complimentary to her mother, Mrs. Sallie Myers, of Glasgow, Ky., and Miss Blanche Kelley, of Cincinnati.

Mrs. S. C. Marks is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Graves, in Decatur.

Mrs. W. B. Speake is suffering a severe attack of grip.

Mrs. C. C. Smith has returned to Bowling Green, Ky., after visiting her niece, Mrs. Foster H. Pointer.

Mrs. D. F. Green is quite ill at her home on Sherman street.

Mrs. S. W. Haas, of Lauderdale, Ga., and son, are visiting in Decatur.

Mrs. Chas. Eyster will leave for Selma next week to visit Mrs. Lamar, Jr.

## PRIVATE DANCING LESSONS.

Miss Mary Williams will give private dancing lessons at the residence of Mrs. R. E. Sanders, Gordon Drive, during the next two weeks. Hours, 9 to 12 a. m., and 1 to 6 p. m. Call 320-W, Albany.

## Letters Urge Skeggs to Get in the Race

Letters from every part of the state continue to be received by Probate Judge William E. Skeggs, urging him to make the race for lieutenant governor of Alabama. The Alabama Courier, published at Athens, this week after praising Judge Skeggs as a fit candidate for the high state office, called on him to run for governor.

"I feel very much flattered by the way in which my friends over Alabama have taken my possible candidacy," said Judge Skeggs, "and whether I make the race or not, the memory of their kind expressions will always remain with me."

## Tax Collections Still Good, Robertson Says

Collection of taxes in Morgan county is proceeding rapidly now, Tax Collector Robertson said today. Collections are far ahead of the same period last year. People are paying up very much quicker, Mr. Robertson says. Other officials also report better collections this year.

## New Labor Measure Tested in the Courts

(International News Service.)  
Denver, Jan. 5.—To test the state law which requires that 30 days' notice be given by employees to the state industrial commission before a strike can be called on any proposition relating to wages or hours, employers of six mines near Frederick will strike tomorrow, and then demand a wage increase of between 15 and 20 per cent.

## Postmistresses Get the Most Recruits

(International News Service.)  
Washington, Jan. 5.—The postmistress in a town of less than 500 inhabitants is setting the recruiting pace for the country.

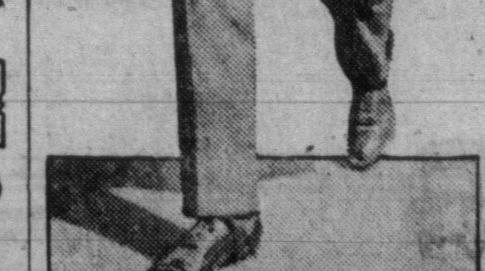
The war office learned today that Miss Vina Mullinx, who presides over Uncle Sam's mails at Wilder, Tenn., secured six new soldiers for the army. Miss Mullinx gets a reward of \$30.

## Decatur Man Given Position With State

J. L. Dinsmore, of Decatur, now is a draughtsman in the office of the state highway engineering department. He was appointed by W. S. Keller, Alabama highway engineer, and has assumed his new duties.

Mr. Dinsmore is an Auburn graduate.

## CHARLES D. MAHAFFIE



Charles D. Mahaffie of Portland, Ore., has arrived in Washington and has been sworn in as solicitor of the interior department. He is known throughout his native state as a prominent attorney and a good mixer.

## MOVED to 206 Johnston St. ALBANY Cable-Shelby-Burton Piano Co.

## MASONIC and STAR

JESSE L. LASKY  
Presents

## MARIE DORO

in (Her Famous Stage Success)

## "Oliver Twist"

An elaborate and faithful adaptation of Charles Dickens' immortal novel—A Lasky-Paramount Picture

ADMISSION 5 and 10 cents



## For Those Christmas Books

Get a Globe-Wernicke Book case, you buy just enough book case to meet your requirements and no more. They are complete in one or a dozen sections. All finishes of oak and mahogany. Come in and let us show you.

## McGEHEE FURNITURE CO.

504-506 Bank Street. Phone 128

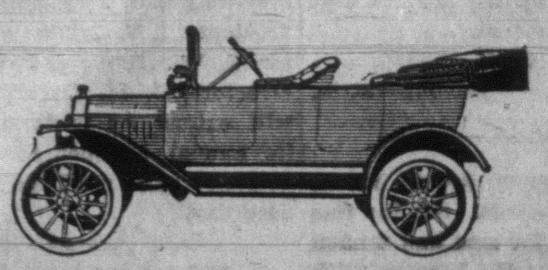
## Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Every factor of a good investment is met in the Ford car for business utility—low first cost, small upkeep, minimum depreciation. With these merits is all the motor car performance you can buy at any price. In city or country Ford service is close at hand—the service that keeps more than 1,750,000 Ford cars in daily use. Touring Car \$360, Runabout \$345, Coupelet \$505, Town Car \$595, Sedan \$645—all f. o. b. Detroit. Remember Ford owners drive their cars all the year around.

## BURK AUTO CO.

HARTSELLE ALBANY ATHENS



## Stung!

"There must be some mistake in my examination marking. I don't think I deserve an absolute zero," complained the student.

"Neither do I," agreed the instructor, "but it's the lowest mark I'm allowed to give."

## Keeping Friends.

"This poet speaks about keeping friends with oneself. That sounds nonsensical to me."

"Not at all. Didn't you ever call yourself names?"

"Yes."

"And why? Because you had done something of which you did not approve."

## Delicately Eliminated.

"How did you get Mrs. Bounce out of your bridge club? Did you ask her to resign?"

"No, we didn't like to do that, but we all resigned except Mrs. Bounce, and then we all got together and formed a new club."

## Reaching Out.

"We need a few more rough and ready spellbinders," said the campaign manager.

"Why, surely you don't discount the efforts of our polished orators?"

"Certainly not. But we need some speakers with an up-to-date vocabulary of slang. We've got to appeal to all classes of voters, you know."

## MOVED to 206 Johnston St. ALBANY Cable-Shelby-Burton Piano Co.

# January White Sale of Shirt Waists and Underwear--The Fashion



## Statement of the Condition of the CITY NATIONAL BANK DECATUR, ALABAMA

At the Close of Business Dec. 27, 1916

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts..... \$622,939.13	\$200,000.00
Acceptances Discounted.... 105,000.00	Surplus ..... 10,000.00
Overdrafts ..... 172.43	Undivided Profits ..... 20,875.47
U. S. Bonds..... 200,000.00	Circulation ..... 200,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank ..... 6,300.00	Bills Payable ..... 90,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures..... 17,973.00	Bills Rediscounted..... 136,042.06
Due from U. S. Treasurer.. 10,000.00	Deposits ..... 498,649.82
Cash and Due from Banks.. 193,182.79	
	\$1,155,567.35

### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. State of Alabama, Morgan County. Probate Court, December 22, 1916.

Estate of Albert McDonald, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that Anna McDonald, as administrator of the estate of Albert McDonald, has filed her accounts and vouchers for the final settlement of her administration of said estate and that the 13th day of January, 1917, has been set as the day for hearing such settlement, at which time you can appear and contest said settlement.

WM. E. SKEGGS,  
D 22-29 J 5 Judge of Probate

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Jas. T. Wade, Deceased, Estate of.  
Probate Court, Morgan County.

Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of December, 1916, by the Hon. Wm. E. Skeggs, Judge of the Probate Court of Morgan county, notice is hereby given, that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by the law, or that the same will be barred.

MARY L. WADE,  
D 29 J 5-12 Administratrix.

Strangers get your social rating from your calling cards. See the line of engraved cards for men and women at the Daily office. We keep up with the styles.

### Officers Are Elected By Hartselle Bank

Hartselle, Ala., Jan. 5.—(Special)—The stockholders of the Bank of Hartselle at their meeting here Thursday elected the following board of directors: J. H. Corsbie, Arthur Stevenson, I. C. Griffin, J. E. Schnell, J. O. Stevenson, H. C. Barkley, Rev. R. L. Quinn, J. A. Harwood, R. H. Porter, S. White and J. W. Yancy, the four latter of Pulaski, Tenn. The bank showed an increase of deposits over last year of 40 per cent, net earnings, 19.25 per cent, 12 per cent being paid in dividends, the remaining 7.28 per cent passing into the surplus. The amount of cash on hand was twice the amount on hand at the same time last year. It might be of interest to note that this substantial bank did not rediscount a note during 1916, and at the time was able to accommodate its large clientele as usual.

Following the election of the directors by the stockholders the board of directors assembled and elected the following officers: President, Arthur Stevenson; cashier, Ashford Todd; vice-president, M. Pattillo; active vice-president, I. V. Griffin; assistant cashier, J. W. Curry; chairman board of directors, J. H. Corsbie. The bank will extend, as is its usual custom, its annual banquet to the stockholders and patrons of the institution on Saturday.

A Daily want ad will rent your spare room for you.

### Local Stars May Get Call to Big League

Local people are in receipt of letters from a prominent baseball man asking about several members of last year's Y. M. C. A. baseball club. Among the youngsters under the eyes of organized baseball scouts are Frohoff, Baker and Halbrooks. Baker already has had some professional experience, playing a part of the season of 1915 with Valdosta, in the Georgia-Alabama league.

It is said "Red" Roberts, star southpaw of the aggregation, will sign with Birmingham this year. It is known that Molesworth, the Baronial chieftain, has made inquiries regarding the sorrel-topped hurler.

### Police Warn Business Men to Pay Licenses

Members of the Decatur police force today were warning business and professional men to pay their city licenses at once and save further costs. Licenses are due the first of the year and will be delinquent soon.

"We prefer to warn persons subject to license to pay rather than take other action," said Chief Carriger, "but we must collect immediately."

### Woman Prosecutes Alleged Bomb Artists

(International News Service.) San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Counsel today began their summing up of arguments in the case of Franz Bopp, German consul general, and six aides charged with violating the neutrality of the United States by German bomb plots. Mrs. Anette Williams, chief assistant to United States Attorney John Preston, the first woman prosecutor to plead so important a case in court, was the first attorney to begin addressing the jury.

### Fat Man Sat By Him; Asks \$5,000 Damages

(International News Service.) Sherman, Texas, Jan. 4.—If a man weighing 250 pounds crushes down beside you in a day coach of a passenger train, are you entitled to damages from the railroad company? This question will be decided in the courts here. A. W. Smith, according to a complaint filed in the circuit court, was a passenger on a Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train when a great, big fat man settled himself down in the same seat the affiant occupied. Not only did the fat man "muss up" the clothing of the petitioner, but he ruffled his feelings, causing him deep humiliation and chagrin, for all of which Smith says he is entitled to \$5,000.

### U. S. Minister Will Be Withdrawn Soon

(International News Service.) Washington, Jan. 5.—The state department today received a request of Germany for the withdrawal from Bucharest of Chas. J. Vopicks, American minister. It was indicated at the department that the request would be complied with. With the Dutch minister, Mr. Vopicks was the last representative of neutrals and of the warring powers in Bucharest.

Business or professional cards, printed or engraved. The Daily.

Business or professional cards, printed or engraved. The Daily.

Business or professional cards, printed or engraved. The Daily.

### WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS EXPECTED

U. S. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
WILL BE TAKEN FROM MEXICO SLOWLY.

(International News Service.) Washington, Jan. 5—Gradual withdrawal of the American troops in Mexico is confidently expected to be the next step in the Mexican situation.

It will be necessary to bring the troops out slowly, army officers said, for strategic reasons.

The formal wind-up of the affairs of the American-Mexican commission is expected daily. It is believed if the troops are once out of Mexico and the substance of Carranza's objection to the protocol is removed, a suggestion from him that the commission be re-formed and its sessions continued for the discussion of other points of differences will be forthcoming. However, it is doubtful if it will be accepted.

### MERCHANTS TOLD TO CLEAN STORES

POLICE FORCE SERVES NOTICE  
THAT CELLARS MUST BE  
KEPT CLEAN.

Albany policemen today are concluding serving a personal notice on every merchant in the city that their stores must be kept clean or trash. In the cellars of some of the establishments, particularly, it is said there has been a great accumulation of debris during the holiday rush.

Dirty cellars, insurance men declare, is one of the worst enemies of low fire rates. Mayor Payne ordered the police force to visit every business establishment and inform the owners that the cellars must be cleaned up immediately or the business men would have to face "His Honor."

### DAUGHTER SEES HER FATHER KILL SELF

J. WESLEY DRINKARD, OF HARTSELLE, BLOWS HEAD OFF FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS.

Hartselle, Ala., Jan. 5.—(Special)—Before his horror-stricken daughter could interfere, J. Wesley Drinkard, member of a prominent Morgan county family, blew his brains out at his home here late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Drinkard had been in ill health many months and despondency caused the act.

Yesterday he obtained possession of a shotgun and while his daughter looked on, placed the barrel to his head and pulled the trigger. Half the side of his head was blown away.

Interment will be made at Somerville. Mr. Drinkard was 63 years of age.

J. L. Day has purchased the interest of his partner in the firm of Day & Barellif and in the future will conduct the business here under his own name.

Business or professional cards, printed or engraved. The Daily.

Business or professional cards, printed or engraved. The Daily.

# Printing

If You Are Running Short  
of

Letter Heads,

Note Heads,

Bill Heads,

Statements,

Receipts,

Shipping Tags,

Envelopes,

Cards,

Anything in the

Printing Line

Telephone

ALBANY 46 ALBANY

We have the best equipped job printing plant in North Alabama and employ the best help obtainable—that's why you can get "what you want when you want it"

Quality-Service

The Albany-Decatur Daily

Job Department



Good News! I will be  
one of the most talked  
of figures in town for  
the month of January!  
J. C. O.